

SLOW
DOWN

EASING TRAFFIC ON RESIDENTIAL STREETS

PROGRAM SET IN MOTION

IN DECEMBER 2002, THE CITY COUNCIL directed Engineering staff and the Traffic and Transportation Advisory Commission to look at ways to address traffic volume and speed on residential streets. A policy and procedure manual was developed that explains how traffic-calming devices may be applied and how neighborhoods can participate in the program.

Traffic-calming measures may include the installation of speed tables or, in some areas, conversion of four-lane streets to three lanes. Last summer, a pilot program was implemented to test the impact of a speed table on a local residential street.

A temporary speed table was installed on Stanley Avenue, south of 84th Street. *See below.* Results at the test site showed that the 85th percentile speeds were reduced by approximately nine miles per hour and speeds increased as distance from the speed table increased. Before and after the speed table installation, similar speed patterns were observed 300 - 500 feet from the speed table.

An open house will be held on Monday, October 25, from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., at Public Works, 1700 West 98th Street, for residents to learn more about the traffic-calming program and the 2005 application process. For more information, visit the City's Web, www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keywords: Traffic calming, or call Engineering at 952-563-4913.



The City is looking at ways to reduce speed and traffic on Bloomington streets. Traffic-calming measures may help. A temporary speed table, a long raised speed hump with a flat section in the middle and ramps on the ends, was installed on Stanley Avenue, south of 84th Street.

DO UNTO OTHERS – REMEMBER THAT REDUCING TRAFFIC SPEEDS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND ON OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS BEGINS WITH YOU.

REAL AMERICAN HEROES AT HOME AND ABROAD

BLOOMINGTON FIREFIGHTER SAVES LIVES SERGEANT RYAN PETERSEN HONORED



Petersen was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal of Honor in Iraq.

RISKING YOUR LIFE FOR OTHERS OFTEN comes with the job when you're a firefighter or a Marine. With extreme enthusiasm and eagerness, Ryan Petersen, four-year member of the Bloomington Fire Department and Marine reservist, volunteered for both.

Petersen, currently on his second deployment to Iraq, was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal of Honor for his outstanding professionalism and team leadership during a mortar attack. Petersen aided Navy Seabees who were critically injured by quickly assessing the situation, administering medical care

and directing others to assist. His actions saved the lives of several Seabees, who would have succumbed to their injuries.

Petersen also saved the life of his captain by running into live fire to pick up the fallen comrade and transport him to an aide station 20 miles away. For this act of heroism, Petersen was nominated for the Bronze Star with "V" (for valor) device.

Ranked number one out of 24,000 Marine Reservists, Petersen was meritoriously promoted from Corporal to Sergeant in August.

ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES PATRIOT AWARD

CHIEF ULIE SEAL AND THE BLOOMINGTON Fire Department were presented with the United States Marine Corps' Patriot Award in July for exceptional support of personnel in America's National Guard and Reserve Force. In his nomination letter, firefighter and Marine reservist Ryan Petersen said, "The department, and especially Chief Seal, had gone 'above and beyond' in their support for me while on military training and mobilizations."

Petersen stressed his appreciation for Chief Seal and all members of the

Fire Department for their encouraging e-mails, letters and phone calls, and support to his family while he is serving in Iraq.

"Firefighters from all six stations collected and sent donations not only to me, but to my entire unit," Petersen said. "They have also helped maintain my home while I am gone."

Petersen said the Bloomington Fire Department deserved the award for promoting "true brotherhood" for those serving in the Guard or Reserves.



Chief Ulie Seal and the Bloomington Fire Department accept the United States Marine Corps' Patriot Award.



Ryan Petersen will get a surprise when he returns from active duty this fall. His parents and Bloomington firefighters are remodeling Petersen's home, installing a new dormer, roof, vinyl siding and concrete patio. The firefighters are donating all of their work on the project in their spare time.

BLOOMINGTON YESTERDAY

HARVEST TIME – 1900

THIS THRESHING SCENE WAS photographed when farming was the main occupation for Bloomington's residents. The prevalence of farmland shaped the population – just 1,085 residents lived here at the turn of the twentieth century. Major roads in the community were extensions of north-south streets from Minneapolis needed to transport crops to the "Milling City." In the early 1900s, Bloomington was "a Sunday afternoon ride in the country" with a profusion of vegetable stands and private picnic grounds. Farms still dominated the landscape well into the 1940s – according to an agricultural census, there were more farms, cattle and horses in Bloomington in 1945 than in 1875.



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